



AGENDA REPORT
September 19, 2017

SUBJECT:

Campaign and Solicitation Policy

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

DEPT/OFFICE:

District 1

REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached Campaign and Solicitation Policy.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

Background:

Board Meetings are forums for conducting official County business in an efficient and respectful manner. As such, subjects of discussion should be limited to those relevant to County business. Political campaigning and solicitation related to elections for public offices are not relevant to County business and can disrupt the conduct of Board Meetings. As such, it would ensure the orderly conduct of Board Meetings to disallow campaigning and solicitation related to elections for public offices inside the Board Room during meetings.

Summary:

This policy disallows solicitation and campaigning displays related to elections for public office inside the Board Room during Board Meetings. Board Meetings include meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and its advisory boards. This policy does not intend or attempt to restrict campaigning or soliciting outside the Board Room or when the Board is not meeting. Campaigning and solicitation related to County business or matters before the Board such as referenda are not disallowed under this policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- **Campaign and Solicitation Policy**

REVIEWERS:

Department

Reviewer

Action

No Reviewers Available



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rita Pritchett, District 1 Commissioner/Vice Chairwoman

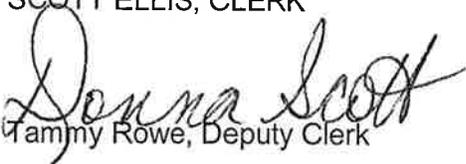
RE: Item VI.F.1., Creation of Policy for Campaign and Solicitation

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 19, 2017, took no action regarding the creation of a policy for campaign and solicitation.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

for 
Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

POLICY

TITLE: Campaign and Solicitation Policy

NUMBER:

CANCELS:

APPROVED:

ORIGINATOR:

REVIEW:

I. OBJECTIVE

The efficacy and propriety of Board Meetings depends on the orderly and respectful conduct of members of the public who attend and/or participate in Board Meetings. Political campaigning and solicitation relating to elections for public offices create dissension and distraction for the Board, staff, and audience members, which disrupts the orderly conduct of Board Meetings.

Board Meetings serve the purpose of conducting County business and subjects of discussion are limited to those relevant to County business. Board Meetings are not a venue to express, solicit, or campaign for political views related to elections for public offices. *Cleveland v. City of Cocoa Beach, Florida*, 221 Fed. Appx. 875, 878 (11th Cir. 2007).

This policy designates Board Meetings as solicitation-free zones. No person or organization may solicit voters or campaign in relation to an election for public office inside the Board Room during a Board Meeting.

This policy does not and is not intended to restrict the public's ability to campaign outside the Board Room or at any time the Board is not meeting. Rather, the purpose of this policy is to ensure the orderly and efficient conduct of Board Meetings.

II. DEFINITION AND REFERENCE

Solicit or solicitation – including, but not limited to, seeking or attempting to seek any vote, fact, opinion, or contribution related to an election for public office; distributing or attempting to distribute any political or campaign material relating to an election for public office.